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SUBJECT:BRZEZINSKI BRIEFING

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HEREWITH FULL TEXT OF UPI STORY BY JIM ANDERSON:

BEGIN TEXT: REJECTING SOVIET CRITICISMS, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI SAID FRIDAY U.S. EFFORTS TO CAP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE ARE "A GIANT STEP FORWARD" AND "THE FIRST TRUE DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIAT, ONS."

BRZEZINSKI DISCLOSED U.S. NEGOTIATORS SPRANG THE PROPOSAL ON THE SOVIETS BY SURPRISE IN ORDER TO GET KREMLIN REACT,ON FIRST-HAND, AND DID NOT REALLY EXPECT IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE.

BUT HE SAID THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND BY ITS PROPOSALS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN HOPES MOSCOW WILL EVENTUALLY COME AROUND -- AND DISCLOSED THAT ONE SWEETENER IS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD GIVE UP ITS CONTROVERSIAL CRUISE MISSILE WHILE LETTING MOSCOW USE ITS OWN BACKFIRE BOMBER ON A MODIFIED BASIS.

IN A NEWS CONFERENCE AND A TELEVISION INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT CARTER'S CHIEF SECURITY ADVISER CONTINUED THE ALL-OUT

PUBLICITY EFFORT BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN WAGING IN DEFENSE OF THEIR POSITIONS SINCE THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BROKE DOWN IN MOSCOW WEDNESDAY.

BESIDES HAILING CARTER'S ADVANCED SALT PROPOSAL AS "A GIANT STEP FORWARD" AND DISCLOSING MANY NEW DETAILS OF ITS PROVISIONS, BRZEZINSKI MADE THESE OTHER MAJOR POINTS:

- --IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW ON NBC'S TODAY SHOW, HE REJECT-ED SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW U.S. SALT PACKAGE AS "ONE-SIDED" AND A "CHEAP AND SHADY" THREAT TO SOVIET SECURITY. HE CALLED THAT "RATHER STRONG LANGUAGE" AND "INACCURATE."
- --IN THE SAME INTERVIEW, HE SAID CONTINUATION OF CARTER'S CRUSADE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. "I THINK IF SALT IS DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES HAVING TO DENY ITSELF THE RIGHT TO AFFIRM THESE BELIEFS, THEN IT IS NOT WORTH IT," HE SAID. "IN MANY RESPECTS," BRZEZINSKI TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE LATER, "THIS WAS THE FIRST TRUE DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS."

HE THEN DISCLOSED THAT THE MORE SWEEPING OF THE TWO U.S. SALT PROPOSALS CONTAINED THESE MAIN ELEMENTS:

--REDUCING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LONG-RANGE MISSILES AND BOMBERS EACH SIDE IS ALLOWED TO HAVE UNDER THE 1974 VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD FROM 2,400 TO BETWEEN 1,800 AND UNCLASSIFIED

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2,000. ALSO CUTTING THE NUMBER OF MULTIPLE-WARHEAD MISSILES WITHIN THAT TOTAL FROM 1,320 TO 1,100 OR 1,200.

- --A FREEZE IN DEPLOYMENT AND MODIFICATION OF INTER-CONTINENTAL MISSILES, INCLUDING A CAP ON THE MOST MODERN MIRVED MISSILES TO 550 FOR EACH SIDE. THAT WOULD HOLD U.S. ARSENALS WHERE THEY NOW ARE AND LEAVE THE SOVIETS ROOM TO EXPAND THEIR STOCKPILE OF 308 MIRVS.
- --POSTPONEMENT OF DEVELOPING NEW ICBMS, INCLUDING MOBILE MISSILES.
- --A BAN ON THE U.S. PILOTLESS BOMBER KNOWN AS THE CRUISE MISSILE IN RETURN FOR "ARRANGEMENTS" TO ENSURE THE SOVIETS' NEW BACKFIRE BOMBER COULD NOT BE USED OVER INTERCONTINENTAL RANGES.

"IT IS OUR FEELING THAT 27 YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE ARMS RACE, THE TIME IS RIPE FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN

JUST A FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUED ARMS COMPETITION," BRZEZINSKI SAID.

"WE MADE THE DAMNDEST EFFORT TO PRODUCE A PACKAGE WE COULD SAY WAS REASONABLY EQUITABLE FOR BOTH SIDES."

BUT OF THE INITIAL MOSCOW ENCOUNTER, HE SAID, "NOBODY IN THIS HOUSE OR IN THIS CITY EXPECTED THE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL FRAMEWORK" IMMEDIATELY.

HE DISCLOSED U.S. NEGOTIATORS DID NOT FOLLOW THE CUSTOMARY APPROACH OF SUBMITTING ADVANCE OUTLINES OF THE PROPOSALS FOR ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE BY SOVIET MILITARY EXPERTS.

"WE WANTED THE TOP SOVIET LEADERS, THE POLITBURO, TO THINK ABOUT IT, AND SO VANCE PRESENTED IT TO THEM" UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTLY, HE SAID.

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